

# Supervisor Romaine Announces Results of Third Annual Job Boot Camp: 43% of Job Seekers Hired, 65% of Job Seekers Actively Interviewing

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**Farmingville, NY** - Supervisor Ed Romaine has announced the results of the Town of Brookhaven's "Job Boot Camp," a series of eight, high intensity training classes that provided job hunters with useful skills for attaining a job. This free program, which took place in the spring, was sponsored by the Town's Division of Economic Development. It provided attendees the opportunity to learn the fundamentals of finding a job, how to write a resume, interview strategies, and how to network and make the right connections that will get them noticed and hired.

"The Job Boot Camp was a big success and I am happy to see that so many people were able to find employment," said Supervisor Romaine. "Landing a job is tough these days, but programs like this and the Job Fair shows how the Town can help open doors and get people back into the workforce."

The Job Boot Camp included eight sessions from April 9th through May 29th. Upon completion of the program, participants successfully achieved a 43% job attainment rate with full time, part time or contract/consulting employment. Furthermore, 65% of the group is actively interviewing, generating more than 30 interviews throughout the eight weeks of the program. The participants have attained employment in a number of fields, including information technology, finance and administrative.

The Job Boot Camp was facilitated by Maria Frey, President and Founder of Executive Consultants of New York, an organization that specializes in career development and networking. The Town had previously worked with Executive Consultants on a similar program for the Women's Services Division.

The "Job Boot Camp" is one of the Town's initiatives to assist Brookhaven job seekers. In addition to this program, the Town also sponsored the third annual Brookhaven Business Advisory Council Job Fair, held at Brookhaven Town Hall on June 26th. Over 600 residents attended the free event, which was sponsored by the Brookhaven Business Advisory Council (BBAC). It gave job hunters the opportunity to meet face-to-face with representatives from over 50 companies in and around Brookhaven who were looking to hire qualified candidates for a wide range of positions.

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